

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an office action dated November 1, 2004, claims 57-61 were rejected under the provisions of 35 USC 112, and claims 57-66 were rejected as obvious double patenting over the claims of US Patent 6,706,412. It was noted that a terminal disclaimer would overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection.

According to the foregoing amendment, claims 57-61 have been withdrawn without prejudice, and a terminal disclaimer accompanies this amendment. Moreover, claim 65 has been amended to improve its description of the invention. Specifically, claim 62, from which claim 65 depends, recites "a first inorganic layer", and claim 65 has been amended to refer to "said first organic layer". Thus, claims 62-66 remain in this application and the terminal disclaimer should overcome the double patenting rejection of those claims. It should be noted that to supplement the representation in the terminal disclaimer, undersigned counsel comments that on January 31, 2005, undersigned counsel received in the mail a notice of recordation that the Confirmatory Assignment referenced in the terminal disclaimer has been recorded at reel015541/frame 0861 of the records of the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Additionally, claim 67 has been added. Claim 67 defines a barrier film as shown and described in connection with Figure 3C (and, optionally, with the additional configuration of Figure 3E), with the additional recitation of

(e) an additional inorganic layer disposed on the second surface of the second polymerized film, and

(f) an additional, vacuum-deposited, radiation-polymerized acrylate monomer film disposed on the additional inorganic layer;

wherein the additional polymerized film is a vacuum-formed plasma-treated film.

Support for this form of barrier film is found, *inter alia*, at page 30, lines 30-32, where it is explained that an additional inorganic [e.g. aluminum] layer is possible, and

it is also explained that an additional vacuum-deposited radiation polymerized acrylate monomer film that is plasma treated is also useful, see e.g. page 31, lines 9-17. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 62-67, the only claims remaining in this application, are in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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